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PILCHER'S **OCCUPATION** OF DOUGLAS.

Is Regarded as the First Step in General Methuen's Carefully Laid Plans

KIMBERLY. RELIEVE

Et is Said Great Britain Will Not Take Delagoa Bay — An In-advisable Step.

LONDON, Jan. 3.-A special dispatch from Nanuwpoort, dated Tuesday, January 2, says the British command Norvals Pont bridge with two guns, and also command the Colesburg bridge, and that the Boers have no way to retreat except by way of Normberg. The dispatch adds that big developments

are expected to-morrow.

From a source which has many facilities of gaining inside news from South Africa, a representative of the Associated Press learns that Col. Pilcher's occupation of Douglas is regarded as merely the first step of General Methuen's carefully matured plans to out-flank inc Boers. According to this authority it is probable that Col. Pilcher, in conjunction with General Babington's force from the Modder river will proceed to the rear of those intrenchements which now prevent Gen. Methuen from proceeding to Kimber-Col. Pilcher has only about forty miles travel before he achieves this end, and if this understanding is correct an attack by General Methuen and a determined effort to relieve Kimberley may be expected any day.

A representative of the Associated Press has been informed on good authority that Great Britain will not take Delagoa bay. The British government it is added, does not contemplate any such step, in spite of the clamor of the press and public opinion upon the advisability of so doing.

GENERAL FRENCH

May Need Some One to Help Him Let Go.

LONDON, Jan. 4, 4:30 a. m .- There is a complete absence of anything new from the seat of war. The report of from the seat of war. the Boer attack upon Molteno is not yet confirmed. Apparently General French holds nothing within five miles of Colesberg Junction. His request for reinforcements dispels any present hope that he will be able to seize one of the crossings of the Orange river.

It is probable that when Lord Rob-erts arrives General French will be ordered to quit his present unsupported position and to concentrate his command at De Aar or Orange river. As the Daily Telegraph says General French "seems to be in the position of a man having a tiger cat in a trap and unable to kill it for want of a stick."

A disputch from Dover Farm an-nounces that Lieutenant Colonel Pilcher has returned there safely from

Since Commandant General Joubert's return to the front the cannonade of Ladysmith by the Boers has been much livelier. Between December 18 and January 2, four shells killed one officer and thirteen men and wounded thirteen officers and eleven men.

The war office acknowledges the inferiority of the regular artillery by au-thorizing the equipment of the new battery attached to the London volunteer corps with Vickers and Maxims of which the Boers use, and by ordering one hundred of these twelve-and-one-half-pounder quick-firers built immediately, the officers and men of the new battery will be supplied from the Honorable artillery company.

Right additional militia regiments

have been called out. Seven of these will serve in Ireland, replacing the regulars sent to South Africa.

Hon. Sidney Robert Greville, equerry to the Prince of Wales, has obtained the prince's commission to go to the front. Recently he has been acting as Lord Salisbury's secretary instead of Schomberg McDonnell, who has gone to South Africa.

Among the announcements of those who volunteered yesterday, appear the names of a hundred or more sons of gentlamen. Many of these are Scotch.

The papers comment upon the fact that, in view of the state of public opinion, it is much easier to go to was than to stay at the clubs, which wear a particularly deserted aspect. All parts of England and Scotland report lively volunteering, a leading feature being the great sums raised by private sub scription for volunteer equipment. high as £30,000. It is computed that the provinces have already raised nearly £600,000, while London is raising £120,000 for the city corps.

Marlborough Not Accepted.

TONDON Jan 3.-At Lord Ches. ham's headquarters a representative of the Associated Press was informed that the Duke of Marlborough's offer to accompany the Oxfordshire yeomanry to South Africa has not yet been accepted, in spite of the published statements to the contrary. It is further said that it is quite likely he will not go to South Africa, as he already has a black mark against him on account of being married and because of successful passage of the medical examination is doubt

Boers Fertinaciously Active

KIMBERLEY, Dec. 26,-The last night evinced considerable interest in the Premier mine, using their searchfights. This morning they actively ply with the request for information.

shelled the fort. The Royal artillery replied. Our shells were well placed and dropped amid the smoke of the enemy's guns.

Last night's storm ignited some of our military mines, but there were no casualties.

Cacil Rhodes has supplied the Boer prisoners with new clothing.

CHOATE AND SALISBURY

Discussing Delagos Bay Seisures-It Seems That if England Declares Breadstuffs Contraband She Will be Placing Herself Between Hawk and Buzzard.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—She United States ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, visited the British premier, Lord Salisbury, at the foregn office, this evening, for the purpose of making the first official representations on the subject of the Delagoa Bay flour seisures, Mr. Choate received no definite reply, as the premier informed him that the British government had not yet arrived at any decision as to whether or not foodstuffs were contraband of war. But, Lord Salisbury assured Mr. Choste that the commercial rights of the United States would be equitably considered, and that a decision in this important matter would be reached as on as possible. The interview was

The Associated Press learns that Lord Salisbury has not only got the at-torney general. Sir Richard Webster, working hard on the question of the Delagoa Bay seizures, but that he is consulting with the ablest lawyers in Great Britain. To quote a high official: England is between Scylla and Charybis.

"If we declare foodstuffs contraband we put ourselves in a most awkward position should we be a neutral power in some future war. We are most an-xious to conserve the interests of the United States, yet self-preservation must necessarily come first."

It was further learned by a represen-tative of the Associated Press that Great Britain may lay down new regulations regarding contraband, making a distinction between food evidently in tended for domestic purposes and food palpably intended for field rations. Under the latter head might come classes of canned goods.

The British government fully realizes that the representations of Mr. Choate will compel it to decide this far-reach ing matter and while his request has been made and received in the most friendly spirit, the quandary is not relished by Lord Salisbury, though it is not regarded as likely to cause inter-national friction. One thing is certain, the question will not be settled hurried ly, though it is impossible even for the cabinet ministers to forecast the date when Mr. Choate will receive a definity answer; which must settle Great Britain's stand upon the question of the contraband.

PRO-BOER MOVEMENT At Philadelphia Reported to be Gaining Strength.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 3.—The movement in this city to send assistance to the Boers received new impetus last night when the association known as the Knights of the Red Branch held an adjourned meeting here and decided to extend all possible aid to President Kruger. Resolutions of sympathy with the Boers were adopted. The Knights of the Red Branch claim a membership of 100,000, made up principally of Irish and Germans. There were 250 delegates at last night's meeting. Grand Chief John A. Ryan, of this city, pre-

A meeting of the local branches of the Clan-Na-Gael was also held last night for drill. Fully four hundred young men have been formed into companies and will, it is said, be sent to South Africa. The fund of \$1,000,000, now being raised by the Irish Nationalist Union, is intended primarily to meet the cost of \$248 per capita in sending recruits to the Boer army.

The men cannot go in a body as that would be a violation of the neutrality laws They will, therefore, be sent to Paris as individual passengers and arrangements made there for their transportation to the Transvaal,

Grand Chief Ryan left this city today for Troy, N. Y., where he expects to organize a council of the Knights of the Red Branch.

P. J. McManus, a leading spirit in the vement to aid the Boers, said today:

We do not care to publish our plans. We will assist the Boers and in such a way that results will tell."

OBJECTIONABLE PRATURES Of the Sulzer Resolution Removed. Te Will Probably Pass.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.-Chairman Payne and some of his asociates of the ways and means committee, had an informal talk after the adjournment of the house to-day, relative to the Suiser resolution, calling on the secretary of the treasury for information, which had been referred to the committee. meeting of the committee will be hold to-morrow and a pratty thorough understanding was arived at to-day that at to-morrow's meeting the resolution would be considered and probably re-ported at once to the house. Some changes are likely to be made in the resolution, however, by the omission of the two banks specifically named, thus making the inquiry relate generally to all banks. It is understood, also, that personal inferences are likely to be avoided in the amended resolutions. In the form thus reported back to the house it is expected that the resolution will pass without objection, and that any debate on the question involved will be deferred until the secretary of the treasury has an opportunity to com-

ALDRICH'S FINANCIAL AMENDMENTS.

Text of Senator Aldrich's Amendments to the Senate Finan-

SIX ELIMINATED,

And an Entire New Section Substituted - Greenbacks an Important Factor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.-The Republican members of the senate finance committee authorised Senator Aldrich to present amendments to the financial bill, which he offered in the senate today. The most important relates to the

greenbacks and is as follows:
After the word authority on line five, page 12, strike out remainder of section

and insert:
"And the gold coin received from the sale of said bonds shall first be covered into the general fund of the treasury and then exchanged in the manner hereinbefore provided for an equal amount of the notes redeemed and held for exchange, and the United States notes exchanged in acordance with the provisions of this section, shall, when covered into the treasury, be re-issued as now provided by law, and the gold coin in the reserve fund, together with the redeemed notes held for use as pro-vided in this section, shall at no time exceed the maximum sum of \$150,000,000. All of section 6 is eliminated, and the

following new section substituted: Section 6—That the secretary of the treasury is hereby authorized to receive at the treasury any of the outstanding bonds of the United States bearing in terest at 5 per cent per annum, payable February 1, 1904, and any bonds of the United States bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, payable July 1, 1907, and any bonds of the United States bearing interest at 3 per ent per annum, payable August 1, 1908, and to issue, in exchange therefor, ar equal amount of coupon or registered bonds of the United tSates in such form as he may prescribe, in denominations of \$50 or any multiple thereof, bearing interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum, payable quarterly, such bonds to be payable at the pleasure of the United States after thirty years from the date of their issue, and said bonds to be payable, principal and interest in gold coin of the present standard value all taxes or duties of the United States as well as from taxation in any form by or under state, municipal, or local authority; provided that such outstanding bonds may be received in exchange at a valuation not greater than their present worth to yield an income of 2% per cent per annum; and in consideration of the reduction of interest effect ed, the secretary of the treasury is au-thorized to pay to the holders of the outstanding bonds surendered for exchange, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum not greater than the difference between their present worth, computed as aforesaid, and their par value, and the payments to be made hereunder shall be held to be payments on account of the sinking fund created by section 3,694 of the revised statutes; and provided, further, that the 2 per cent bonds to be issued under the provisions of this act, shall be issued at not less than par and they shall be numbered consecutively in the order of their issue, and when payment is made the last num-bers issued shall be paid first, and this order shall be followed until all the bonds are paid; and whenever the outstanding bonds are called for payment, interest thereon shall cease three months after such call."

section of the bill, where it provides for maintaining the gold reserve. The bill, as reported, made it the duty of the secretary of the treasury to maintain the gold reserve at \$100,000,000 by the sale of bonds. The amendment pro-vides that when the reserve falls below that amount it shall be his duty to restore it to the maximum of \$150,000,000 It is stated by members of the committee that the amendments are for the purpose of making more clear the intention of the bill and to leave no ques

CONGRESS YESTERDAY

tion as to the construction of the law

Short Session of the House - The Senate Evinced a Disposition to Take Up Work in Earnest, and Foundation Was Laid for Consideration of the Finance Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.-The house was in session only fifteen min-utes to-day and during that time had a little flurry over an attempt by Mr. Sulser, of New York, to secure consideration for a resolution asking information concerning the relations of the treasury department with the National City Bank, of New York. The resolution was referred to the committee on

ways and means. The senate evinced a disposition to day to take up the work of the session in earnest, and, while the sitting was of only a little more than an hour's duration, a large number of important were introduced and a defirite foundation laid for proceeding with the financial bill, by fixing the hour for besummary disposition of resolutions asking for information about the con-duct of the Philippine war. He indiated a purpose to demand a consideration for such measures, even at the

cexpense of the financial bill.

The 10th inst, was named as the day for the delivery of culosiss in memory of the late Vice President Hobert.

WEST VIRGINIA DELEGATION

Taking Active Measures to Secure Proper Recognition of the Services of Identenant Rowan.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The West Virginia delegation in the hous of representatives, headed by Judge Johnston, of the Third district, will tomorrow call upon the President and the secretary of war, and make an carnes ples for substantial recognition of the bravery of Lieut. A. S. Rowan, of Monroe county, West Virginia, whose intelligent discharge of duty at the inclpiency of the war with Spain was so conspicuous. It has been said of the incident in which Lieutenant Rowan figured, that when the President indicated a desire to send some one with a message to General Garcia, of the Cu-ban army, the West Virginian was suggested as one fitted for so delicate and hazardous a task, Lieutenant Rowan received his instructions. He did not ask how he should proceed, by what method or where he should find General Garcia. He proceeded on his mission in his own way, guided by his own good judgment, and he found General Garcia. His experience is a matter of his tory. It is to evidence the public regard for such patriotism and devotion to duty that Messra. Johnston, Dove-ner, Dayton and Freer unite in an earnest plea to the President in Lieuten-ant Rowan's behalf. As he is himself too modest to ask for more than comes to him in the regular way, his state can consistently advance his claim to rec ognition.

MR. W. B. SCOTT'S PROMOTION. Prominent West Virginian in the Capital City.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3,-Mr. W. B. Scott, who has for several years been a faithful employe on the house side of Congress, has received a well-merited promotion, having been ad-vanced to the position of chief of the room in which he has hitherto served. It is a position which has to do with the public documents, and is under the clerk of the house. Mr. Scott is from Barbour county, in the Second West Virginia district.

Virginia district.

Clerk Henning and Mr. James K.
Hall, of Wheeling, are in the city,
Mr. J. C. McCourtney, of Wheeling,
prominently identified with a Bellaire,
(Ohio) industry, is in Washington,
strongly impressed with the city's advantages for residence purposes, and thinks of making it his home, at least during the winters.

Representatives Dovener and Day ton, the latter accompanied family, arrived here this morning. Dr. E. M. Strickler, of Farmington,

W. Va., was here for a few hours to day. He was on his way to New York to attend a course of post-graduate

DEALING WITH PLAGUE

In the Philippines-No Fear of Its

Spread to San Francisco. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The war department is taking steps to prevent the introduction of the plague in the Philippines and Secretary Root this morning called into consultation Surgeon General Wyman, of the Marine hospital service to discuss the establishment of a quarantine system for the islands. It was decided that the war department should adopt towards the Philippines a policy that it pursued totection of health, namely, confide the maintenance of a quarantine system to the marine hospital service.

The report received by both the state department and by Surgeon General Wyman from Honolulu confirm the Associated Press dispatches relative to the existence of the disease.

It happens, fortunately, that the marine hospital service two quaranting plants in the Philipwhile twe of its surgeons are on their way to Manila, so that little delay will be encountered in beginning to draw a rigid quarantine line in the islands.

Surgeon General Wyman does not feel apprehensive as to the possibility of the infection of Ban Francisco from Honolulu.

FIRST FORMAL

Dinner Given by the President and Mrs. McKinley Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The first of the formal dinners of the social season at the white house, was given by President and Mrs. McKinley to-night, the members of the cabinet and their wives being the guests of honor. Invited to meet them were members of the senate and house and a few other persons. The east room and other public portions of the house were appropriately decorated for the occasion. The Marine Band furnished the The list of guests was unusually large, covers being laid for over seventy persons

Big Mine Tie-Up Threatened.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3,-Reports received by the United Mine Workers from the Central Pennsylvania region, while a strike involving 30, over 1,600 men are now idle. If the opginaing debate on this measure for 2 craters do not make certain concess-o'clock to-morrow. The most notable event of the day was a protest enter-1 by Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, to the

CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES

Of Frand Are Being Made in the Famous Kentucky Elec tion Contest.

TAYLOR ROBBED OF VOTES

In Kenton County, Goebel's Home, and a Het Old Time Is Had.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 1.—The joint committee which will hear evidence in the Goebel-Taylor and Beckham-Marshall contests for governor and lieutenant governor, will be formed to-morrow. The law provides that the mem-bers of the committee shall be drawn by lot, three in the senate and eight in The policy of the Goebel leaders will be to push the contests to

a final issue as speedily as possible.

Governor Taylor's attorneys are preparing not only rebuttal evidence to offset the charges of fraud set forth in Goebel's notice of contest, but, accord-ing to Senator Deboe, are going much further and attempting to show up counter frauds of a glaring nature, or the Democratic side. The senator says that, among other things, it will be brought out that Taylor was robbed of over 2,000 votes in Kenton county. Goebel's home. The Goebel side under the Kentucky code of practice, in its tak-ing of proof, is restricted to the grounds laid down in the notices of contest, but under these they promise very s tional testimony regarding the election in many counties alleged to be damaging to many people prominent in the Kentucky political and business world, compared with which the Whallen al-leged attempted bribery of Senator Harrell is only a sample.

Whallen was arraigned on the attempted bribery charge, before Magistrate Thompson to-day and held over to Franklin county grand jury, his bond being fixed at \$10,009.

FRENCH CONSPIRACY TRIALS

At Last Ended - MM. Deroulede, Buffet and Guerin Will Probably Have the Costs to Pay.

PARIS, Jan. 3 .- The conspiracy trial before the senate sitting as the high court, came to an end to-day except for the sentences in the case of those con-victed. Out of the seventy-five alleged conspirators who were thrown into prison five months ago and who have been since released in batches, owing to the want of evidence, only Mm. De-roulede, Guerin and Buffet have been found guilty; and these three are ac-corded "extenuating circumstances," which reduces their punishment to de-tention in a fortress or banishment. It is understood that the sentence will vary between five and ten years' detention. President Loubet may extend pardons in accordance with the Beringer law in favor of first offenders.

Strong precautionary measures were taken to-day in the vicinity of the enate house, but there was no sign of disorder anywhere when the judgments vere rendered.

All the nationalist organs describe the result of the trial as a fiasco for the government after the flourish of trumpets with which it announced the discovery of a great plot against the

republic. They insist that the whole indictment fizzled out and that the acquittal of M. Buffet's fellow royalist prisoners disposes of the charge of a royalist conspiracy.

Moreover, they declare that the evi-dence showed that M. Deroulede has always been a political enemy of M. Buffet.

The high court will pronounce sentence to-morrow. M. Guerin is held gullly of conspiracy and of insults and outrages at the expense of the police, but he is acquitted of the charge of a

premeditated attempt to kill.

The trial has cost 800,000 france addition to the expenses of detention.

It is asserted this evening that Mm. Deronlede, Buffet and Guerin will be condemned to pay costs.

GENERAL WOOD

Giving Liberty to Prisoners Unjustly Confined.

HAVANA, Jan. 3.-To-day General Wood issued an important order giving freedom to forty men in the province of Santa Clara. Some of them had been detained without trial, and others were suffering excessive punishment had been released ten months before by an order issued by General Bates, they were immediately rearrested by or ders from division headquarters, on the ground that a department commander

ders from division hesaquarters, on the ground that a department commander did flot have the power to pardon.

After looking carefully, into the case, General Wood decided that the Judgment of General Bates regarding their release was wise, and consequently todays' order setting them at liberty was promulgated.

Reports from other departments are daily expected, and it is believed that before the end of the month a large number will be released, specially in the province of Havana. The cases of those who have been held for a long time in detention without trial will be the first to be investigated.

The council of notables—as General Woods' convention of representative Cubans is called—beld a morning session to-day, as which General Wood was present, and then dissolved, many of the members having to catch to-morrow's boat for the eastern provinces. General Maso, who hopes to return to Havana in the near future, said that freedom from foreign control was now in sight, and that the assurances of President Me-Kinley and the conduct of the governor-general convinced him of the absolute sincerly of the United States.

HANNA OUGHT TO KNOW.

PRICE TWO CENTS (WATER

Declared He Will Not be a Delegate at-Latge or Chairman of the Con-vention—Will Give Dick and Gree-vente a Change.

CLEVICLAND, O., Jest 2 - Sensite he had been urged to stand for the pur nent shairmanship of the saut publican national convention, he weak said, "wito are more ambitious than de. I will give way to them."

He also a declared that he will not he

one of it is delegates at large from the in the convention. "I greatly desir that Gerseral Dick shall have an un contests a place in the Obio deligate at large," he explained, "and I am give at large, 'ne explained, 'man a series to step out in his favor. If I was to seconsider ed as one of the dislarates at large, pi reordent giving the place to ma as sena tor, there would be a contest between General Grosvenor and General Dick. I being out of it there will be room to both of them, as there should be, and triction will be avoid-

It is ewident from the foregoing, that the plan, to make Senator Hanns a delegate at large and permanent chairman of the Republican national comvention was formed without his consent.

Senator and Mrs. Hanna and Miss Ruth Hanna departed this afternoon for Wishington, where they will again occupy the Hobart residence

NEWFOUNDLANDERS

Want Bothing Short of Unconditions at Surrender.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.-A special dis pate's from Saint Johns, N. F., to the

Con mercial Advertiser says: On New Year's day, Mayor Sears sent the following messas mission in London: mage to the high com-

"May New Year's blessings rest upon her majesty, bringing peace with hon-

The board of aldermen are now after his scalp. At a meeting of the board of public works yesterday Alderman Milege, Christie, Maxwell, Waring, Mo-Mullin and others, indignantly the mayor's right to speak for the people. As the mayor refused to call a special meeting of the council to discuis the matter to-day, a meeting was called by eight aldermen, and a not

The board of works, before adjournment, adopted the following resolution:
"Whereas, the expression Peace with honor, in diplomatic language indicates that a nation which has suffer-ed reverses, may without loss of dig-

Whereas, the opinion of this community is opposed to peace upon a terms than the unconditional der of the national enemy.
"Resolved. That the board regret

that in a semi-official manner the views of the people of St. Johns should have been set forth in the language quoted above, and desires to not only express the hope but the firm conviction that her majesty's government will prosecute the war in such mapner as to viadicate the honor of the nation and the cause of justice they have, as ever, undertaken to sustain."

Big Coal Combine to Advance Wages. PITTSBURGH, Jan. 8.-The Pittsburgh Coal Company-the big railroad combine—at the first meeting of its di-rectors to-day decided to grant their miners an advance in wages at the expiration of the present agreement, the men have with their employers, which expires April 1.

Just what the advance is to be will not be determined until the inter-state joint convention is held at Indianapolis, Ind., in a few weeks. The Pittsburgh operators will object to any change in the present method of mining coal and will insist that screened coal shall keep

its standard in the market. The matter of fix joint convention was left in the hands of a committee composed of F. L. Robbins, F. M. Osborne, W. P. Murphy and George W. Schleuderberg.

The first quarterly dividend of 1% per cent on the preferred stock, was declared. The business of the corporation. The orders for coal from fields that have not been reached by the local trade were shown to be on the increase According to advices received from Turtle Creek to-night individual contracts have been made with the men New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Com-pany mines. The men have agreed to ork at a rate of 10 cents per ton lewer than the prevailing rate.

Genvicted of Forgery.

JAMESTOWN N. I., Jan 1.—Albe M.
Kent, Ir., of this city, who was recently
arrested in Japan, and extraditish,
charged with forging nesses and obtaining 110,006 thereby, to-day pleaded
guilty to two fadletiments for forgery,
and was sentenced to imprisonment
with hard labor for three years and
two months.

Police Have a Clue

At 3:30 o'clock this morning the police are working on a clue in the Cecella Peck abduction case. They received in-Peck abduction case. They received in-formation that the man in the case is, Edward Kellly, a solicitor for an in-diana insurance company. It was learned Kelly had moved from North Wheeling to the Island, and the officera are now looking him up. Of course Kelly may be able to clear himself, but the police are determined to run every clue to the ground.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia—Fair and not as cold Thursday; increasing cloudiness Friday; southerly which.
For Oblo and Western Pennsylvania—Increasing cloudiness Thursday; threatening Friday, with snow on the lakes; light southerly which increasing.

Local Temperature.

30 g p. m.... 34 7 p. m... 30 Weather changes? 7 a. m 9 a. m